State	Jan '93—Mar '95		
	Number	Approved	Investment (Rs. Million)
Haryana	115		3394.48
Uttar Pradesh	79		2706.19
Pondicherry	17		1147.33
Goa	19		822.05
Chandigarh	10		723.62
Bihar	8		721.19
Dadar & Nagar Haveli	8		402.76
Kerala	21		354.34
Himachal Pradesh	10		139.65
Arunachal. Pradesh	2		110.60
Daman & Diu	6		54.78
Andaman & Nicobar	5		9.84
Assam	3		9.24
Tripura	1		6.80
TOTAL:	2101		254767.19

PSUs beaded by Scheduled Caste Chairman

4770. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of public undertakings and enterprises and how many of them are headed by Chairman belonging to Scheduled Caste;

(b) how may such enterprises are presently headless; and

(c) what is Government's policy in regard to appointment of Chairman and appointing heads of public enterprises from amongst the Schedule Caste incumbents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) There are 246 Central Public Sector Undertakings. Information relating to PSEs headed by Chairman belonging to Scheduled Caste is not readily available. This is being collected and will be placed on the table of the house.

(b) Out of the above, the post of Chief Executives (Chairman cum Managing Director/Managing Director) were vacant in 33 PSUs as on 31.3.95.

(c) Board level appointments in PSUs are made on the recommendations of the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESE). Eligible candidates (including candidates belonging to SC/ST categories) are short-listed and called for interview. Of the persons called, candidates found suitable on the basis of qualification, job experience and overall merit, are recommended. There is no reservation for SCs for appointment as Chief Executives of the PSUs.

Voluntary Retirement Scheme in PSUs

4771. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1417 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd March, 1994 and state the number of employees who had opted for retirement under the Voluntary Retirement Scheme in each public sector undertaking during the last two years?